PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION—1944/1120.

Thursday, 24th August 1944/9th Chingam 1120.

The House met in the Legislative Chamber at 12 noon with the Dewan President in the Chair

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*)
2. Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*)
3. Mr. H. C. Papworth (*Pro-Vice Chancellor*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Rubber Factory, Trivandrum.

137. *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the following regarding the Rubber Factory, Trivandrum :

(*a*) who is running it at present ;
(*b*) when was it leased out ;
(*c*) who was the Legal Adviser of the lessees at the time ;
(*d*) what led to the leasing of it ; and
(*e*) what are the terms of the lease ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A partnership concern of which one partner is Government and the other is Sir Chinubhai Madhowlal Ranchhodlal, Ahmedabad.

(*b*) 1st December 1940.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) The failure of other methods of running the factory.

(*e*) A copy of the lease deed is placed on the Secretary's table.

PRESIDENT: With reference to part (*c*) of the question may I know what is the meaning or insinuation ?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: There is no insinuation, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether the President is in order in asking that question ?

PRESIDENT: Of course, because it is a definite insinuation which I am going to meet with a statement. It is not proper not to put supplementary questions after having put an insinuation on the floor of the House by asking the question "who was the Legal Adviser of the lessees at the time". I want to know whether the member has in contemplation any special officer at the time.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: No, Sir,

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MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether it is Mr. T. M. Varghese that the member is referring to?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I do not think he is entitled to ask me questions.

PRESIDENT: He is out of order.

The honourable member has put the question "who was the Legal Adviser of the lessees at the time". First of all, was there any Legal Adviser? Has the honourable member found out whether there was any Legal Adviser at all?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I mean the Legal Adviser of the Government with whom the company was in communication.

PRESIDENT: The Legal Adviser of Government will be the Advocate General and the honourable member could have easily found out his name by referring to the Civil List.

I propose to make a statement on this subject after question time.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI: Is it not the duty of the Chair to ask the member to apologise if there is any insinuation in the question?

PRESIDENT: I am going to ask the party to which the honourable member belongs to take such action as they may deem fit against him after my statement.

Coir yarn exported from Travancore.

138. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of coir yarn exported from Travancore since the promulgation of the Government of India Order fixing the price of certain varieties of coir yarn?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Government of India have not fixed the price of coir yarn in Travancore.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the fixing of the rate has affected the traders in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, the Government of India have not fixed any rates.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Have they been fixed in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

Standard Cloth.

139. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether standard cloth is being distributed in rural areas; and

(*b*) the agency through which it is being distributed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Through licensed dealers in cloth.

Cement Factory in Travancore.

140. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have arranged to start a Cement Factory in Travancore; and

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